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**SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:**

10 ILCS 5/Art. 19B heading new  
10 ILCS 5/19B-5 new  
10 ILCS 5/19B-10 new  
10 ILCS 5/19B-15 new  
10 ILCS 5/19B-20 new  
10 ILCS 5/19B-25 new  
10 ILCS 5/19B-30 new

Amends the Election Code. Provides for the registration and voting of lawful permanent residents otherwise qualified to vote except for U.S. citizenship. Authorizes voting by lawful permanent residents only for school board candidates and for or against public questions of school districts.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT  
MAY APPLY

1 AN ACT concerning elections.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Election Code is amended by adding the  
5 heading of Article 19B and Sections 19B-5, 19B-10, 19B-15,  
6 19B-20, 19B-25, and 19B-30 as follows:

7 (10 ILCS 5/Art. 19B heading new)

8 ARTICLE 19B. LAWFUL PERMANENT RESIDENTS

9 (10 ILCS 5/19B-5 new)

10 Sec. 19B-5. Definitions. As used in this Article:

11 "Lawful permanent resident" means a lawful permanent  
12 resident as defined by the federal Immigration and Nationality  
13 Act and recognized by the United States Attorney General.

14 "Public question" means a public question submitted to  
15 voters of a school district.

16 "State Board" means the State Board of Elections.

17 (10 ILCS 5/19B-10 new)

18 Sec. 19B-10. Registration of lawful permanent residents.

19 (a) A lawful permanent resident of a school district in  
20 Illinois who, except for his or her lack of United States  
21 citizenship, is qualified to register to vote under Article 4,  
22 5, or 6 may register as a lawful permanent resident voter under  
23 subsection (b).

24 (b) Using forms and procedures prescribed by the State  
25 Board, an election authority shall accept the registration of a  
26 lawful permanent resident of the election jurisdiction who  
27 meets all requirements of this Code for registration except  
28 United States citizenship. Registration under this subsection  
29 shall be accepted during the same registration periods  
30 established under Articles 4, 5, and 6, but not including the

1 grace registration periods established in Sections 4-50, 5-50,  
2 and 6-100. Registration under this subsection shall be accepted  
3 by the same persons authorized to accept registration under  
4 Article 4, 5, or 6. Registration under this subsection must be  
5 in person and, in addition to any other evidence of voter  
6 qualification, the applicant for registration must present:

7 (1) Documentation as a lawful permanent resident  
8 pursuant to the federal Immigration and Nationality Act,  
9 including immigrant visa number.

10 (2) A valid identification card containing a  
11 relatively current photograph of the applicant or one of  
12 the following, dated no more than 30 days before the date  
13 of application for registration, that states the  
14 applicant's name and residential address: (i) utility  
15 bill, (ii) bank statement, (iii) paycheck, or (iv)  
16 government check, or other government document.

17 (c) Registration record cards of lawful permanent  
18 residents shall be maintained separately from other voter  
19 registration record cards.

20 (10 ILCS 5/19B-15 new)

21 Sec. 19B-15. Separate ballots. For each primary or election  
22 at which any candidate for a school board office shall be  
23 nominated or elected or at which a public question shall be  
24 submitted to the voters of one or more school districts, each  
25 election authority shall prepare and print a separate ballot  
26 that contains only the names of those school board candidates  
27 and those public questions. The ballot shall be referred to as  
28 the lawful permanent resident's ballot and shall be prepared  
29 and printed at the same time as specified in this Code for  
30 other ballots for that primary or election. The lawful  
31 permanent resident's ballot shall be in a form prescribed by  
32 the State Board in compliance with the requirements of this  
33 Code for style and appearance of ballots, including  
34 accommodation of write-in candidates.

1 (10 ILCS 5/19B-20 new)

2 Sec. 19B-20. Voting.

3 (a) Each lawful permanent resident registered pursuant to  
4 Section 19B-10 may vote for the candidates and for or against  
5 the public questions on the appropriate lawful permanent  
6 resident's ballot for the school district in which he or she  
7 resides as provided in this Section.

8 (b) Each election authority shall conduct lawful permanent  
9 resident voting at the times and places and in the manner  
10 prescribed in Article 19 for absentee voting. Lawful permanent  
11 resident voting shall not be conducted as part of early voting  
12 under Article 19A. Lawful permanent residents may not vote in  
13 precincts on election day, and no person seeking to vote as a  
14 lawful permanent resident shall be given a provisional ballot  
15 under Article 18A.

16 (c) Lawful permanent resident's ballots cast under this  
17 Section shall be handled and counted separately from absentee  
18 ballots in accordance with procedures prescribed by the State  
19 Board. Lawful permanent resident's ballots shall be delivered  
20 to the election authority's central ballot counting location  
21 before the polls close on election day; no lawful permanent  
22 resident ballots shall be delivered to or counted at precinct  
23 polling places.

24 (10 ILCS 5/19B-25 new)

25 Sec. 19B-25. Outreach. In addition to any other  
26 requirements of public notice, each school district must  
27 implement a program developed in coordination with the State  
28 Board and the appropriate local election authority to inform  
29 lawful permanent residents of their rights to register and vote  
30 under this Article and the procedures for doing so.

31 (10 ILCS 5/19B-30 new)

32 Sec. 19B-30. Rules. The State Board shall adopt rules for  
33 the implementation of this Article.